

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-5 and 8-21 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
3. Claims 1 and 18 are allowable because prior art fails to teach antenna the first and second ground connector switch means are configured to connect both the first and second antenna elements to ground at the same time for adapting the antenna to a circularly-polarized radio wave, and the first and second ground connector switch means are also configured to connect one of the first and second antenna elements to ground, and to disconnect the other of the first and second antenna elements from ground for adapting the antenna to a linearly-polarized radio wave.
4. Claims 2-5, 8-17 and 19-21 are allowable for at least depending on allowable claims 1 and 18.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT KARACSONY whose telephone number is (571)270-1268. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 am - 5:00 pm EST.

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